

MANY GREAT IMPROVEMENTS.

Walhalla Plant of Victor-Monaghan Mills Is Being Improved.

The management of the Victor-Monaghan Mills seems to be imbued with a desire to bring the Walhalla plant into line with the best of their mill properties, and to this end many great improvements have recently been started, the work rushed, and to-day the work as a whole is nearing completion. As a matter of fact, this work has been in progress now for nearly a year, the initial steps having been taken early in 1916, when the management, looking to a cleaner and healthier village, began the systematic cleaning of the village, clearing away all rubbish from about the houses and in the alleys. All the wells were put in first-class condition, being thoroughly cleaned and systematically looked after. The management feels that it is due to these steps that there has been such a marked decrease in fever in the mill village during the summer of 1916 as compared with previous years, there having been but one case reported. This case was given every attention, the premises securely screened, and there was no spreading of the disease.

Among other improvements that we note are the following—though there will be a continual pressing forward along all lines of sanitation, comfort of the operatives, and general healthfulness of the mill premises as a whole, as the plant is developed year by year.

All of the homes of the operatives were put in good repair and made comfortable.

A new Baptist church was built, the lot being donated by the company, with a substantial cash donation. The people of the village and town raised the remainder.

A store house was built by the company for the use of the people in the village, but the company does not own any stock in the store. The stock is owned by the people, the expenses are paid by the stockholders, and the profits are shared according to the amount invested.

The mill has been built for 21 years and the inside had not been painted. This was done last summer in the weaving department, which adds light and makes working conditions much better.

The superintendent and overseers all live outside of the village, and the company, looking forward to their comfort, and wishing them directly connected with the village, bought three acres of land on Spring street, and is at present having a home built for each—the superintendent and five overseers.

The wells in the village are in the streets, and the city is unable to keep them in good repair. Looking to better streets and more adequate water supply, a well has been drilled 281 feet deep, standpipe has been erected, and water put in every village house free of charge.

An up-to-date sanitary system has been installed in the mill, with modern septic tanks and filter beds.

The Premium System.

The premium system has been put into operation in the Walhalla plant. This is a system whereby an operative is able, by attendance and getting production, to be paid for practically thirteen months in the year. The president and general managers of the Victor-Monaghan Mills, looking into the future for his help, and considering the high cost of living, have put this system in all of the plants connected with this concern. This premium is not in the nature of a prize that some special ones may get. It is in reach of every operative in the mill, and may be obtained by complying with the rules laid down.

Local Plant Heads.

Those in charge of the mill here in various capacities are:

Resident Manager—C. D. Walker. Secretary and Book-keeper—L. E. Beard.

Superintendent—J. C. Montjoy. Overseer of Carding—W. C. Hunt. Overseer of Spinning—Lemuel Moss.

Overseer of Weaving—J. C. Cudd. Overseer of Cloth Room—W. W. Gregory.

Master Mechanic—John L. Smith.

Wonderful Advancements have been made along all lines at the Walhalla plant during the past 12 months, and this plant bids fair now to become the pride of the town as well as of the progressive corporation of which it is a part. The Victor-Monaghan people are looking to the development of their plants no less than they are to the comfort and convenience of those whom they employ. The people of Walhalla wish them every success in their most worthy endeavors toward building up a plant on modern lines.

Cromer-Simmons.

A wedding of much interest, and one which came as a surprise to their many friends, was that of Miss Elizabeth Cromer and Wm. H. Simmons. The marriage was solemnized Wednesday, December 13, at 11 o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. T. Stevenson. Seneca, R. F. D. Rev. C. D. Boyd officiated. The parlor, where the ceremony was performed, was beautifully decorated with smilax and holly. The wedding was a beautiful but quiet one, only the immediate families of the bride and groom being present.

After the ceremony, the guests were invited into the dining room, which was decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, where a delicious course luncheon was served. The bride was becomingly gowned in a handsome blue cloth suit, beaver trimmed, with hat and gloves to match.

Mid showers of rice this happy couple left by auto for Seneca, from which place they took the train for a ten days' trip to Charleston, Florida and other points South.

Mrs. Simmons is originally from Anderson, but for some time past has been residing with her brother, Ezra Cromer, near Seneca. Mr. Simmons is an extensive and popular planter of the Cross Roads section of Oconee, at which place they will be at home to their friends.

THE NORMAL TRAINING CLASS.

Second Session Will Open Next Monday, January 8th.

The second term of the Oconee Normal Training Class will begin next Monday, January 8th, at 9 a. m., in Fitchford's Hall. In addition to the regular studies in subject matter and methods, an observation class will be taught in turn by each member of the class. This teaching will be observed and discussed by the members of the class.

The session for 1916-17 has been divided into the following terms:

- 1—Oct. 2, 1916, to Nov. 25, 1916.
- 2—Jan. 8, 1917, to March 3, 1917.
- 3—Mar. 5, 1917, to Apr. 28, 1917.
- 4—Apr. 30, 1917, to May 26, 1917.

Summer term—June 18, 1917, to July 13, 1917.

This class is open to all teachers holding valid certificates, and to pupils who have finished the course of study of a high school or of other schools doing ten grades of work or its equivalent.

The course of study prescribed by the State Board of Education is as follows:

Text books—Colgrove's "The Teacher and the School," and Bagley's Classroom Management.

Matter and method in reading, writing, drawing, spelling, English, language, geography, history, hygiene, sewing and cooking.

Observation and practice teaching. The only expense to members of the class will be board and a few dollars for books.

Every teacher who expects to attend this class is urged to be present on the opening day, January 8.

The instructor of the normal training class extends a most cordial invitation to the teachers of Oconee county to visit this class as frequently as possible. Sallie Stribling, Instructor Normal Training Class.

Visited the Veterans.

During Christmas day Fred White, one of the Oconee Confederate Veterans, made a point of visiting each of the Confederate Veterans in the town of Walhalla and vicinity, and of those he knew—and he feels that he knows them all—he found ten. The number is growing smaller yearly, and a few more years will mark the final passing of a set of men that form the link that connects the present generation with the past. Those who Mr. White visited on Christmas were: Judge J. W. Holleman, Capt. Wm. A. Strother, John D. Perry, Fielding A. Lewis, Nathaniel Phillips, H. L. Brandt, Capt. S. K. Denny, John D. Verner. All of these Mr. White found in their own homes. He called on Capt. V. F. Martin, but failed to find him. Nehemiah Dunn was visited at the home of another party.

Mr. White finds that not all of these veterans are receiving pensions, and he thinks that each should be on the pension roll. He urges that the delegation in the General Assembly look into the pension matter and see that all Confederate Veterans are placed on the pension roll in the future, regardless of their financial standing, feeling that the pension should be in the nature of a recognition of services rendered rather than of compensation for them or in any sense a charity.

(We recall two other Veterans not mentioned by Mr. White, viz.: W. P. Powell, of Walhalla, and Newton Crenshaw, who lives in Midway. J. R. Tribble, of Walhalla, also saw service in the Civil War.)

Card of Thanks.

Editor Keowee Courier: We desire through your paper to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for being so good and helpful to us during the illness and death of husband and father, and sympathizing with us in our sore bereavement. May God bless each and every one of us is our prayer.

Mrs. H. A. LeRoy and Children. Seneca, R. F. D.

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No matter whether you farm on a large scale or only plant vegetables or flowers in a small way, you need Hastings' 1917 Seed Catalog. It's ready now and we have a copy for you absolutely free, if you ask for it, mentioning the name of this paper. In addition to showing you about all the varieties of vegetables, farm grass, clover and flower seeds, this catalog tells how you can get free five splendid varieties of easily grown, yet beautiful flowers, with which to beautify your home surroundings.

Good seeds of almost every kind are scarce this season, and you can't afford to take chances in your seed supply. Hastings' Seeds are dependable seeds, the kind you can always depend on having "good luck" with.

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RICHLAND NEWS BUDGET.

Death of W. C. Foster Deeply Regretted—Personal Mention.

Richland, Jan. 1.—Special: The Christmas season has been an unusually quiet one in this community, mainly because of the almost impassable mud caused by the continuous rains of the week. A few brave youngsters ventured out on last Wednesday night and enjoyed the evening at the home of Miss Lynn Verner. This one gathering tells of the gayeties of the season in our community.

Among the college students who are spending their vacation in our community are Misses Grace Verner and Carrie McMahon, of Landor College, Greenwood; Misses Mae Hubbard and Belle Stribling, of Winthrop College, Rock Hill; Roger L. Coe, Presbyterian College, Clinton, and David McMahon and Bruce Stribling, of Clemson College. These students claim that just being at home where they could "eat, drink and be merry" was Christmas enough for them.

Miss Annie McMahon, one of the primary teachers of the Spartanburg schools, spent the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Lottie Belle Crow, a student of Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., is visiting Miss Pauline Davis.

Stiles C. Stribling, principal and instructor in mathematics in the Central High School, Gaffney, spent the holidays with homefolks.

Mrs. Furman Burns, of Fountain Inn, is visiting at the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. E. E. Verner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holleman, of Seneca, and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McDonald, of Walhalla, were visitors at the home of J. P. Blackwell, during the holidays.

Robt. L. Davis, principal of the Madison High School, spent the holidays with his parents here.

Misses Pauline and Christine Anderson, who are teaching at Greer, are visiting at the home of their aunt, Mrs. S. N. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Coe, of Madison, spent part of the holidays at the home of Mrs. S. H. Coe.

Misses Mary Berry, of Greenville, and Beulah Berry, of Greer, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Berry.

John Ballenger has returned from a visit to Columbia, where on last Tuesday he was "best man" at the marriage of his friend, Robert Jones, of Westminster, and Miss Boinneau, of Columbia. This is the second of Johnnie's classmates he has helped to get married, and we truly hope that some fair young lady will have compassion on him so that he may make the "third tip out."

L. W. Verner, Jr., and Sloan Stribling, of Seneca, were recent visitors at the home of Hon. E. E. Verner.

Prof. B. J. Wells, of Clemson College, was a visitor in our community during the past week.

Miss Mabry McCoy, a member of the senior class of Winthrop College, spent the holidays with Miss Mae Hubbard.

Miss Ruth Berry expects to leave to-morrow for Rock Hill, where she will take a short training course at Winthrop College before taking up her duties as home demonstration agent for Oconee county.

Miss Annie and Edgar McMahon were visitors to Atlanta last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Ada Wyly, who is teaching at Ruby, and Miss Cora Wyly, who is teaching at Townville, spent the holidays with their parents here.

The friends of Grover Hubbard are congratulating him upon winning the heart and hand of so fair a bride as Miss Mertie Alexander, of the Conners community. We join with many in wishing them much happiness. They will make their home in the house recently vacated by Walter Hubbard.

Robert Davis returned to Madison yesterday afternoon to resume his school duties.

This community was indeed saddened last Thursday afternoon when the news of the untimely death of Supervisor W. C. Foster was received. The majority of our people knew nothing of his absence from the State, and at first could hardly believe the report was correct.

Mr. Foster, while not a resident of our community at the time of his death, was still numbered as one of our people. He was born and raised at the Foster homestead, one mile east of Richland, and had spent the most of his life here, and even after he had moved his family to Walhalla was a frequent visitor at the home of his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Foster, and at the home of his brother, E. N. Foster. Our people were doubly interested in his career because of the fact that his wife was one of "our girls," Miss Fannie McDonald, and to her and her family in this deep bereavement our people, one and all, extend their deepest sympathy.

It is indeed a sad fact that in almost exactly one month from the time the members of this family gathered in a happy reunion to celebrate

MRS. J. L. MCCARLEY DEAD.

She Was An Excellent Woman—Had Been In Bad Health Some Time.

(Anderson Mail, 1st.)

Mrs. Adella Whittaker McCarley, wife of James Lawrence McCarley, died at her home three and one-half miles east of this city at 5.15 o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness of about two months, aged 71 years. The funeral services were held at the residence at 10 o'clock this morning, being conducted by Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a faithful member.

Mrs. McCarley was a daughter of the late H. H. Whittaker, and was born in Broadway township, near the place of her death. She and Mr. McCarley were married when she was quite a young woman, and to this union eight children were born. She is survived by her husband and the following children: T. W., J. W. and L. P. McCarley, who live east of the city; H. H. McCarley, superintendent of education of Charleston county; L. C. McCarley, of Townville; Mrs. R. L. Bowles and Mrs. W. E. Giles, of Townville, and Mrs. J. T. Long, of Hickory Flat. She is also survived by a sister, Miss Cornelia Whittaker, who lives east of the city, and one brother, J. N. Whittaker, of Westminster.

Mrs. McCarley had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time, but two months ago she began suffering with heart trouble. Her death, while not altogether unexpected, came as a great shock to members of her family and a large host of friends. She was a fervent Christian, a faithful wife and loving mother. She numbered her friends by her acquaintances.

Interment was made in Silver Brook cemetery, this city.

MEXICAN MATTERS UNSETTLED.

Withdrawal of Pershing Forces Not At All Probable.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Continuation of the conferences of the Mexican-American joint commission, without regard to the questions of withdrawing American troops from Mexico is proposed by Gen. Carranza in his message refusing to ratify the protocol. Coupled with this suggestion, however, is a new appeal for recall of the Pershing expedition and a declaration that such action by the United States would permit adjustment of all remaining questions "within a week."

There were indications to-night that the American members of the commission might be disposed to comply with the request for further conferences. It was officially stated that nothing yet had occurred to alter the administration's policy toward Mexico, and it is generally understood that so long as Northern Mexico is in its present unsettled state Pershing's men will stay where they are.

Violent Situation at Grave.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Washington is more disturbed over the Mexican situation, according to report, than it has been at any time since the Carrizal affair, which resulted in the mobilization of militia on the border. There are potentialities in recent developments which persons close to President Wilson fear will nullify all the attempts which the administration has made to assist in re-establishing law and order in Mexico.

The situation, as understood at the State Department, may be thus summarized: Villa is virtual dictator of that section of the State of Chihuahua south of Gen. Pershing's column. He is also in control of Durango, a large part of Coahuila and adjoining States, from which the Carranza "generals" supposed to control them have fled. Their hungry troops willingly have joined Villa. Villa, through recent raids, has acquired foodstuffs, while the Carranza generals have confiscated everything possible and sent it across the border to sell at fancy prices in Texas.

From a handful of ragged followers Villa has made a force of nearly 10,000 men. All of Carranza's garrisons in the northern section do not approximate this number. Felix Diaz, acting as a figurehead for Robles, has assembled a formidable force in Puebla and Oaxaca and is reported to be prepared to move northward at a signal from Villa.

Zapata, in the State of Morelos, has complete control of the country in the vicinity of Mexico City and is reported to be prepared to join with Villa and Robles.

The golden wedding of the aged parents they again gathered to the last sad tribute to this the first one of their number to "cross the river."


The large number that gathered at Rock Springs Methodist church yesterday afternoon at the funeral services was a silent testimony of the high standing of this good man throughout the county.

Another Car of Fine Young Mules

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C. W. & J. E. Bauknight, WALHALLA, S. C.

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January 3, 1917.
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NOTICE TO ROAD OVERSEERS.

All County Road Overseers in Oconee are hereby notified to discontinue work on the public roads until further orders. Close up all work in hand at the earliest possible moment, and take up nothing in the way of new work except in cases where roads in your respective sections are reported and found to be impassable.

D. E. NICHOLSON,
R. A. REEVES,
County Commissioners.

Jan. 2, 1917.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to a power of attorney duly executed by the heirs and distributees of the estate of Miss E. O. Alexander to W. O. and T. D. Alexander, the undersigned will offer for sale, on sale day in February, 1917, in front of the Court House door in Walhalla, immediately after the sales by county officers, to the highest bidder, all that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being on the West side of the public road leading from Westminster to Walhalla, between Conners church and the creek, containing forty-six and one-half acres, more or less.

Right to sell at private sale before above date hereby reserved.

Terms of Sale: CASH. Purchaser to pay extra for papers.

W. O. ALEXANDER,
T. D. ALEXANDER,
Attorneys in Fact.

Jan. 3, 1917.

SUMMONS.

State of South Carolina,

County of Oconee.

(In Court of Probate.)

Ex Parte, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, In Re

William John Owens, Thomas P. Owens, Rosana Grumby, Janie Elise ———, Mary Ellen Proctor, Mary Walsh, William Owens, Mary Owens, John J. Owens, Rosana Owens and James Owens, and all the other unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

Summons.

To All of the Above-Named Parties (except Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock,) and Also to All of the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, Deceased, Please Take Notice:

That whereas, Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, by his petition in writing, filed in the office of Judge of Probate for said State and County, on the 18th day of December, 1916, praying that this Court do require all the heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, and especially the above-named, to prefer a petition in writing to prove said Last Will and Testament in due form of law and that witnesses may be sworn and examined concerning same, and since it is the intention of the said Petitioner,

Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, to contest, and ask the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, which bears date the 24th day of September, 1916, to be declared null and void and of no effect, and that the paper bearing date the 1st day of January, 1916, be admitted to probate in due form of law and be adjudged and declared to be the sole and last will and testament of the said Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased.

And whereas, it has been made to appear by affidavit signed by M. R. McDonald, attorney for Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, Petitioner, that certain heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are, or may be minors, and that such minors reside beyond the limits and jurisdiction of this State, and cannot, after due diligence, be found,

WHEREFORE, You and each of you, except Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, and all of the unknown heirs-at-law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby required to answer the Petition of Dr. Thos. G. C. Fahnestock, which has this day been filed in the office of the Court of Probate for said State and County, and that each of you serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition within twenty days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail and refuse to answer to the said Petition, the Court will grant the relief there demanded, by default; and that each of the unknown minors being heirs at law of Mrs. Rosa Fahnestock, deceased, are hereby summoned and required to procure the appointment of some suitable person to act as their guardian ad litem for the purpose of this action, within twenty days from the date of service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to procure the appointment of such guardian ad litem within the time aforesaid, the said Petitioner will apply to this Court for such appointment.

Dated at Walhalla, S. C., December 18, 1916.

V. F. MARTIN, (Seal.)
Judge of Probate, Oconee County,
South Carolina.

Dec. 20, 1916.

DR. M. R. CAMPBELL,

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Anderson, S. C.

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